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Colorado Trends

Labor force conditions in Colorado improved a bit in July. Lower unemployment coupled with expanding employment dropped the seasonally adjusted jobless rate four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent. The current rate compares favorably to the 7.4 posted one year ago and is the lowest recorded in nearly three years.

The gain in employment was particularly encouraging as the State's economy has been hard pressed to generate sustained job growth during the last few months. In fact, employment movements have been evenly divided the last eight months---four up; four down.

Total employment stood at 1,572,000 in July, 15,000 above the prior month and 28,000 higher than July a year ago.

Data on placement activities of the Department also point to improvement in the State's job picture. Overall hiring has been on the upswing as job placements made by the Job Services Centers totaled 17,100 during June and July, an increase of 12 percent over the same period last year.

An estimated 99,100 Coloradans were unemployed in July, 6,000 fewer than in June. One year ago, 123,800 were out of work.

Most Colorado labor areas posted improved job market conditions in July as economic activity neared its summer peak. Declining unemployment was noted in 52 of the State's 63 counties on an unadjusted basis. The major exception was in southern Colorado where seasonal slowdowns in agriculture boosted the jobless rate in many counties in the San Luis Valley.

National labor force indicators showed little change during July. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the nation's unemployment rate edged upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.4 percent. Civilian employment rose by 41,000 to reach a record 115.1 million while joblessness climbed to 6.6 million, up 170,000 over the month.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Colorado fell by 13,000 in July to 1,387,800 from the 1,400,800 registered in June. The loss, however, was less than expected for the month and indicates the presence of some economic strength in the State during July. The overall drop can be accounted for by the usual decline in government which fell by 16,200. The subsector, local education, declined by 16,600 as the school year wound down. Five of the remaining nonfarm sectors showed gains, one showed a small loss and one was unchanged. Total wage and salary jobs in the State are presently 2,100 below the 1,389,900 recorded in July 1987.

Contract construction was the other sector to show a decline during July. The industry continues to exhibit weakness, falling another 200 jobs over the month to 62,600. Construction employment is down 9,000 jobs in the past year and 34,300 below its August 1984 peak of 96,900.

The number of jobs within the finance, insurance and real estate sector did not change in July. At 97,200, however, it is 1,900 below the year ago level of 99,100.

Banking (down 600) and credit agencies other than banks (down 700) have accounted for a large part of this decline as banks have been consolidating operations and credit expansion has slowed.

Advancing sectors during July were led by a 1,600 job gain in services followed by a 900 increase in manufacturing. Both sectors experienced better than expected growth over the month. Gains in services occurred in hotels and other lodging (up 600) and amusements (up 1,100) while growth in manufacturing came in machinery except electrical (up 400) and transportation equipment (up 300).

Trade added 600 jobs during the month to 353,800. Eating and drinking places employment rose by 600, contributing most all the increase.

Smaller gains were noted in both mining (up 200) and transportation and public utilities (up 100). The transportation sector, however, was weaker than normal in July. Industry employment is 800 lower than last year at this time with its condition expected to worsen further with the recently announced cutbacks at Continental Airlines. The company will reduce its national workforce by 900, an undetermined amount to take place in Denver. The layoffs are in addition to the 200 Denver customer-service agents who will lose their jobs October 1, in a previously announced cutback.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the DENVER MSA edged down three-tenths of a percentage point to 5.6 percent in July. The rate has now fallen one full percentage point since peaking at 6.6 percent in February. One year ago the rate stood at 7.0 percent.

The number of jobless Area residents fell 1,900 over-the-month to 49,300. One year ago 61,100 persons were estimated to be seeking, but unable to find, work.

For the second time this year over-the-month employment growth was positive. The number of persons with jobs rose 7,600 after adjusting for normal seasonal movements. At 824,900 the level is roughly 9,000 greater than one year ago.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment fell 8,900 to 787,800, slightly below last July's level of 788,300. Although a decline is typical for the June-July period, the size of the decrease was considerably less than anticipated. Two sectors, mining (up 100) and manufacturing (up 400) showed actual job gains. Reductions in payrolls were smaller than expected for most of the remaining major industry components.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, both trade and services turned in strong performances. Construction employment remains depressed, down 3,500 from last July's anemic level of 39,100.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Denver Area All Urban Consumers Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) averaged 112.8 (1982-84=100) in the first six months of 1988. An identical market basket of goods and services that cost \$100.00 in the average of the three years between 1982 and 1984 cost \$112.80 during the current period. The semiannual index rose 1.1 percent from the average for the second half of 1987 and was 2.6 percent above the January-June 1987 average.

Prices in the Denver Area moderated from their already slow pace of six months earlier when the six month change was 1.5 percent and over-the-year increase was 3.0 percent.

Components where annual price increases have slowed from the prior period include housing (up 1.3 percent vs. 1.9 percent), transportation (up 4.5 percent vs. 9.2 percent), entertainment (up 0.1 percent vs. 0.3 percent) and other goods and services (up 5.1 percent vs. 5.6 percent).

Areas where price pressures are on the rise, however, include food and beverages (up 0.8 percent vs. a decline of 0.4 percent), apparel and upkeep (up 6.1 percent vs. a decline of 0.5 percent) and medical care (up 7.2 percent vs. 5.8 percent).

An over-the-year rise of 10.4 percent in women's and girls' apparel led to the surge in the apparel and upkeep component while the rise in medical costs was the largest over-the-year increase of any component. Price inflation in the medical sector has outstripped that of any other for sometime and at this point appears to be the most entrenched.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*			
INDEX COMPONENTS	AVG. 1ST HALF '88	% CH. 2ND HALF '87	% CH. 1ST HALF '87
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100).....	112.8	1.1	2.6
FOOD AND BEVERAGES.....	109.6	1.6	0.8
Food.....	108.9	1.8	0.7
Food at Home.....	107.0	1.5	- 1.7
Cereals and Bakery Products.....	111.6	2.8	1.7
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs.....	108.1	0.2	- 1.5
Dairy Products.....	102.2	- 0.7	- 3.7
Fruits and Vegetables.....	107.1	4.3	- 2.8
Other Foods at Home.....	105.9	1.9	- 1.1
Food Away From Home.....	111.2	2.4	3.5
Alcoholic Beverages.....	117.5	- 0.2	2.0
HOUSING.....	110.5	0.5	1.3
Shelter.....	113.2	0.0	1.0
**Renters' Costs.....	119.9	0.3	1.4
Rent, Residential.....	108.8	- 1.0	- 1.4
Other Renters' Costs.....	145.3	4.1	9.5
**Homeowners' Costs.....	114.4	0.1	0.8
Fuel and Other Utilities.....	105.8	1.8	2.4
Fuels.....	101.1	3.0	2.7
Fuel Oil, Coal, and Bottled Gas.....	77.9	- 2.3	- 4.8
Gas (piped) and Electricity.....	101.7	3.0	2.8
Household Furnishings and Operation.....	105.0	1.4	1.4
APPAREL AND UPKEEP.....	106.2	2.1	6.1
Men's & Boys' Apparel.....	108.9	1.7	5.0
Women's & Girls' Apparel.....	101.1	0.9	10.4
Footwear.....	N.A.	---	---
TRANSPORTATION.....	110.4	0.2	4.5
Private Transportation.....	108.3	- 0.4	2.8
Public Transportation.....	127.5	3.4	17.1
MEDICAL CARE.....	140.2	5.2	7.2
Medical Care Services.....	138.4	5.3	6.8
ENTERTAINMENT.....	107.9	- 0.2	0.1
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES.....	137.8	2.7	5.1

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri. ** November 1982=100.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	JUL 1988	JUN 1988	APR 1988	JUL 1987	CHANGE FROM:		
					MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands)	1671.1	1662.1	1708.4	1667.8	9.0	-37.3	3.3
Unemployment	99.1	105.1	112.0	123.8	-6.0	-12.9	-24.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.3	6.4	7.4	---	---	---
Employment	1572.0	1557.0	1596.4	1544.0	15.0	-24.4	28.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1393.0	1388.9	1396.8	1394.0	4.1	-3.8	-1.0
Mining	21.1	20.0	20.7	21.7	0.3	0.4	-0.6
Contract Construction	58.8	60.0	63.2	67.3	-1.2	-4.4	-8.5
Manufacturing	106.1	105.8	106.0	103.7	0.3	0.1	2.4
Durable Goods	118.7	118.0	118.1	117.1	0.7	0.6	1.6
Nondurable Goods	67.4	67.8	67.9	66.4	-0.4	-0.5	1.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	82.4	82.9	83.0	83.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8
Trade	353.8	350.3	352.1	348.9	3.5	1.7	4.9
Wholesale	75.4	75.0	75.7	75.8	0.4	-0.3	-0.4
Retail	278.4	275.3	276.4	273.1	3.1	2.0	5.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.5	96.6	97.1	98.4	-0.1	-0.6	-1.9
Services	330.9	329.7	330.3	331.1	1.2	0.6	-0.2
Government	263.4	262.8	264.4	260.7	0.6	-1.0	2.7
Federal	54.1	54.3	54.6	54.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.3
State	63.4	62.1	62.7	61.5	1.3	0.7	1.9
Local	145.9	146.4	147.1	144.3	-0.5	-1.2	1.6
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands)	874.2	868.5	888.4	876.9	5.7	65.8	-2.7
Unemployment	49.3	51.2	53.1	61.1	-1.9	-3.8	-11.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.9	6.0	7.0	---	---	---
Employment	824.9	817.3	835.3	815.8	7.6	-10.4	9.1
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	789.3	786.8	792.6	790.0	2.5	-3.3	-0.7
Mining	13.8	13.5	13.8	14.4	0.3	0.0	-0.6
Contract Construction	33.7	34.3	36.7	37.0	-0.6	-3.0	-3.3
Manufacturing	95.5	95.1	95.3	94.7	0.4	0.2	0.8
Durable Goods	52.1	51.7	51.6	51.3	0.4	0.5	0.8
Nondurable Goods	43.4	43.4	43.7	43.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0
Transportation & Public Utilities	59.4	60.1	60.2	59.9	-0.7	-0.8	-0.5
Trade	200.9	199.6	200.0	198.1	1.3	0.9	2.8
Wholesale	54.1	53.8	53.9	54.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1
Retail	146.8	145.8	146.1	143.8	1.0	0.7	3.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65.8	65.7	66.2	66.7	0.1	-0.4	-0.9
Services	195.7	194.3	195.6	195.6	1.4	0.1	0.1
Government	124.5	124.2	124.8	123.4	0.3	-0.3	1.1
Federal	31.5	31.6	31.7	31.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3
State	26.8	26.4	26.2	25.6	0.4	0.6	1.2
Local	66.2	66.2	66.9	65.7	0.0	-0.7	0.5
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	129690	127870	131100	128780	1820	-1410	910
Unemployment	6010	6110	6140	7420	-100	-130	-1410
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.8	4.7	5.8	---	---	---
Employment	123680	121760	124960	121360	1920	-1280	2320
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	189000	188170	190750	188040	830	-1750	960
Unemployment	12890	13770	14660	15540	-880	-1770	-2650
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	7.3	7.7	8.2	---	---	---
Employment	176110	174400	176090	172500	1710	20	3610
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	90280	89730	92430	88750	550	-2150	1530
Unemployment	4710	5160	5430	5730	-450	-720	-1020
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.8	5.9	6.5	---	---	---
Employment	85570	84570	87000	83020	1000	-1430	2550
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	65560	65240	68630	63910	320	-3070	1650
Unemployment	4020	4180	4570	5000	-160	-550	-980
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.4	6.7	7.8	---	---	---
Employment	61540	61060	64060	58910	480	-2520	2630
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49600	49560	50520	48970	40	-920	630
Unemployment	3990	4300	4160	4930	-310	-170	-940
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	8.7	8.2	10.1	---	---	---
Employment	45610	45260	46360	44040	350	-750	1570

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands) (by place of residence)	1688.0	1691.7	1683.6	-3700	4400
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/.....	95.6	105.1	119.5	-9500	-23900
Unemployment Rate (%).....	5.7	6.2	7.1	---	---
EMPLOYMENT.....	1592.4	1586.6	1564.1	5800	28300
Nonagricultural 5/.....	1550.5	1543.4	1517.5	7100	33000
Agricultural.....	41.9	43.2	46.6	-1300	-4700
WAGE & SALARY 6/..... (by place of work)	1387.8	1400.8	1389.9	-13000	2100
MINING.....	21.1	20.9	21.7	200	-600
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic.....	4.0	4.0	3.7	0	300
Oil & Gas Extraction.....	13.9	13.8	14.7	100	-800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION.....	62.6	62.8	71.6	-200	-9000
General Building Contractors.....	14.0	13.9	16.4	100	-2400
Heavy Construction Contractors.....	10.1	10.1	11.2	0	-1100
Special Trade Contractors.....	38.5	38.8	44.0	-300	-5500
MANUFACTURING.....	187.9	187.0	185.3	900	2600
Durable Goods.....	119.8	119.1	118.2	700	1600
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.8	6.8	6.9	0	-100
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.0	7.8	8.2	0	-400
Primary & Fabricated Metals.....	13.5	13.6	12.8	-100	700
Machinery, except Electrical.....	27.9	27.5	25.8	400	2100
Electric & Electronic Equipment..	22.1	22.1	22.9	0	-700
Transportation Equipment.....	17.9	17.6	17.9	300	0
Nondurable Goods.....	68.1	67.9	67.1	200	1000
Food & Kindred Products.....	25.8	25.7	25.1	100	700
Printing & Publishing.....	22.3	22.3	22.2	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES.....	82.8	82.7	83.6	100	-800
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	44.8	44.7	45.5	100	-700
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.....	353.8	353.2	349.0	600	4800
Wholesale Trade.....	76.0	75.7	76.4	300	-400
Retail Trade.....	277.8	277.5	272.6	300	5200
General Merchandise Stores.....	31.3	31.7	31.1	-400	200
Food Stores.....	44.3	44.4	41.8	-100	2500
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	28.0	27.9	28.3	100	-300
Eating & Drinking Places.....	105.1	104.5	102.7	600	2400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE.....	97.2	97.2	99.1	0	-1900
Banking.....	20.7	20.8	21.3	-100	-600
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks...	18.3	18.3	19.0	0	-700
SERVICES.....	335.9	334.3	336.0	1600	-100
Hotels & Other Lodging.....	29.5	28.9	29.4	600	100
Personal Services.....	16.5	16.6	15.8	-100	700
Business Services.....	74.4	74.2	74.0	200	400
Auto & Misc. Repair Services.....	16.0	15.9	16.1	100	-100
Amusements & Recreation.....	22.1	21.0	22.2	1100	-100
Health Services.....	84.4	84.2	83.4	200	1000
Hospitals.....	36.2	36.1	35.6	100	600
GOVERNMENT.....	246.5	242.7	243.6	-16200	2900
Federal Government.....	54.9	54.8	55.2	100	-300
State Government.....	56.1	57.3	54.4	-1200	1700
Education.....	31.5	32.9	30.4	-1400	1100
Local Government.....	135.5	156.6	134.0	-15100	1500
Education.....	64.5	81.1	63.8	-16600	700
LABOR DISPUTANTS.....	0.1	0.1	0.0	0	100

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands), (by place of residence)	881.0	883.6	883.2	-2600	-2200
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/.....	47.9	51.6	59.3	-3700	-11400
Unemployment Rate (%).....	5.4	5.8	6.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT.....	833.1	832.0	823.9	1100	9200
Nonagricultural 5/.....	825.7	824.3	815.6	1400	10100
Agricultural.....	7.4	7.7	8.3	-300	-900
WAGE & SALARY 6/..... (by place of work)	787.8	796.7	788.3	-8900	-500
MINING.....	13.7	13.6	14.3	100	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction.....	11.4	11.4	12.1	0	-700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION.....	35.6	35.9	39.1	-300	-3500
MANUFACTURING.....	96.3	95.9	95.5	400	800
Durable Goods.....	52.3	52.0	51.5	300	800
Transportation Equipment.....	16.1	15.8	16.0	300	100
Nondurable Goods.....	44.0	43.9	44.0	100	0
Food & Kindred Products.....	14.4	14.4	14.5	0	-100
Printing & Publishing.....	12.9	12.9	13.0	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES.....	59.9	59.9	60.4	0	-500
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.....	200.2	200.6	197.3	-400	2900
Wholesale Trade.....	54.4	54.2	54.5	200	-100
Retail Trade.....	145.8	146.4	142.8	-600	3000
Eating & Drinking Places.....	53.0	52.9	51.3	100	1700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE.....	66.5	66.7	67.4	-200	-900
SERVICES.....	198.6	198.8	198.5	-200	100
Hotels & Other Lodging.....	10.6	10.7	10.5	-100	100
Health Services.....	47.3	47.1	46.9	200	400
GOVERNMENT.....	117.0	125.3	115.8	-8300	1200
Federal Government.....	31.5	31.6	31.8	-100	-300
State Government.....	25.1	25.2	24.0	-100	1100
Local Government.....	60.4	68.5	60.0	-8100	400
LABOR DISPUTANTS.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands), (by place of residence)	129.8	129.0	128.7	800	1100
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/.....	5.7	6.1	7.0	-400	-1300
Unemployment Rate (%).....	4.4	4.7	5.5	---	---
EMPLOYMENT.....	124.1	122.9	121.7	1200	2400
Nonagricultural 5/.....	122.4	121.1	119.8	1300	2600
Agricultural.....	1.7	1.8	1.9	-100	-200
WAGE & SALARY 6/..... (by place of work)	104.2	104.6	102.8	-400	1400
MINING.....	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION.....	3.3	3.2	3.7	100	-400
MANUFACTURING.....	28.6	28.5	28.2	100	400
Durable Goods.....	23.3	23.3	23.1	0	200
Nondurable Goods.....	5.3	5.2	5.1	100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES.....	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.....	23.2	23.0	22.6	200	600
Wholesale Trade.....	2.5	2.4	2.5	100	0
Retail Trade.....	20.7	20.6	20.1	100	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE.....	4.1	4.1	4.1	0	0
SERVICES.....	22.0	21.9	21.6	100	400
GOVERNMENT.....	20.4	21.3	20.0	-900	400
Federal Government.....	2.6	2.7	2.6	-100	0
State Government.....	8.6	8.8	8.5	-200	100
Local Government.....	9.2	9.8	8.9	-600	300
LABOR DISPUTANTS.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	July 1988 PRE		June 1988 REV		TOTAL UN- EMP	%	--	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN- EMP	%	UN- EMP
	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN- EMP	%								
Alamosa	5581	5145	436	7.8	--	--	5601	5122	479	8.6	--	--
Archuleta	2638	2479	159	6.0	--	--	2673	2478	195	7.3	--	--
Baca	2052	1998	54	2.6	--	--	2118	2040	78	3.7	--	--
Bent	2257	2136	121	5.4	--	--	2295	2143	152	6.6	--	--
Chaffee	6353	5933	420	6.6	--	--	6390	5898	492	7.7	--	--
Cheyenne	1044	949	95	9.1	--	--	982	953	29	3.0	--	--
Clear Creek	2224	1986	238	10.7	--	--	2259	1996	263	11.6	--	--
Co. Springs MSA	191314	178927	12387	6.5	--	--	191016	177190	13826	7.2	--	--
Conejos	2456	2147	309	12.6	--	--	2453	2159	294	12.0	--	--
Costilla	897	726	171	19.1	--	--	897	741	156	17.4	--	--
Crowley	1487	1398	89	6.0	--	--	1458	1418	60	4.0	--	--
Custer	939	872	67	7.1	--	--	957	881	76	7.9	--	--
Delta	7837	7141	696	8.9	--	--	8010	7138	872	10.9	--	--
Den-Bldr-CMSA	1010760	957141	53619	5.3	--	--	1012568	954848	57720	5.7	--	--
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	129743	124050	5693	4.4	--	--	128964	122852	6112	4.7	--	--
-Denver MSA	881017	833091	47926	5.4	--	--	883604	831996	51608	5.8	--	--
---Adams	147917	138510	9407	6.4	--	--	148464	138328	10156	6.8	--	--
---Arapahoe	209844	200425	9419	4.5	--	--	210259	200162	10097	4.8	--	--
---Denver	271226	258026	17200	6.3	--	--	272037	253692	18345	6.7	--	--
---Douglas	19848	18984	854	4.3	--	--	19903	18970	933	4.7	--	--
---Jefferson	232182	221136	11046	4.8	--	--	232921	220845	12076	5.2	--	--
Dolores	528	772	56	6.8	--	--	533	790	43	5.2	--	--
Eagle	11724	11325	399	3.4	--	--	11713	11164	549	4.7	--	--
Elbert	3707	3457	250	6.7	--	--	3801	3492	309	8.1	--	--
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	89977	85652	4325	4.8	--	--	89954	85074	4910	5.5	--	--
Fremont	11094	10297	797	7.2	--	--	11275	10329	946	8.4	--	--
Garfield	14323	13611	712	5.0	--	--	14257	13488	769	5.4	--	--
Gilpin	2594	2521	73	2.8	--	--	2561	2473	88	3.4	--	--
Grand	4567	4704	163	3.3	--	--	4813	4597	216	4.5	--	--
Greeley MSA	67426	63569	3857	5.7	--	--	67736	63503	4233	6.2	--	--
Gunnison	5228	5018	210	4.0	--	--	5254	5025	259	4.9	--	--
Hinsdale	373	373	0	0.0	--	--	385	383	2	0.5	--	--
Huerfano	2368	2122	246	10.4	--	--	2440	2136	304	12.5	--	--
Jackson	1036	994	42	4.1	--	--	1061	1001	60	5.7	--	--
Kiowa	993	977	16	1.6	--	--	1060	996	64	6.0	--	--
Kit Carson	3741	3646	95	2.5	--	--	3771	3678	93	2.5	--	--
Lake	1467	1302	165	11.2	--	--	1582	1306	276	17.4	--	--
La Plata	15776	14947	829	5.3	--	--	15846	14828	1018	6.4	--	--
Las Animas	4688	4327	361	7.7	--	--	4755	4360	395	8.3	--	--
Lincoln	2046	1987	59	2.9	--	--	2036	1991	45	2.2	--	--
Logan	6681	6372	309	3.6	--	--	6720	6354	366	4.2	--	--
Mesa	39170	36513	2657	6.8	--	--	39300	36200	3100	7.9	--	--
Mé meral	281	259	22	7.8	--	--	270	262	8	3.0	--	--
Moffat	4977	4590	387	7.8	--	--	4981	4559	422	8.5	--	--
Montezuma	8888	8186	702	7.9	--	--	8971	8214	757	8.4	--	--
Montrose	11390	10531	859	7.5	--	--	11532	10479	1053	9.1	--	--
Morgan	9568	8951	617	6.5	--	--	9732	8933	800	8.2	--	--
Otero	8391	7768	623	7.4	--	--	8224	7560	664	8.1	--	--
Ouray	1726	1665	61	3.5	--	--	1737	1671	66	3.8	--	--
Park	2568	2707	161	5.6	--	--	2945	2741	204	6.9	--	--
Phillips	2210	2152	58	2.6	--	--	2303	2192	111	4.8	--	--
Pitkin	8447	8106	341	4.0	--	--	8549	8061	488	5.7	--	--
Prowers	6477	5908	569	8.8	--	--	6597	5926	671	10.2	--	--
Pueblo MSA	50036	46245	3791	7.6	--	--	50365	46208	4157	8.3	--	--
Rio Blanco	2723	2574	149	5.5	--	--	2762	2583	179	6.5	--	--
Rio Grande	5506	4764	742	13.5	--	--	5342	4727	615	11.5	--	--
Routt	8159	7760	399	4.9	--	--	8152	7607	545	6.7	--	--
Saguache	1804	1366	438	24.3	--	--	1645	1386	259	15.8	--	--
San Juan	469	443	26	5.5	--	--	478	443	35	6.9	--	--
San Miguel	2388	2263	125	5.2	--	--	2434	2265	169	6.9	--	--
Sedgwick	1351	1325	26	1.9	--	--	1387	1350	37	2.7	--	--
Summit	8923	8600	323	4.7	--	--	8867	8435	432	6.3	--	--
Teller	8206	8798	408	6.6	--	--	8217	8760	457	7.4	--	--
Washington	2490	2377	113	4.5	--	--	2554	2426	128	5.0	--	--
Yuma	4751	4592	159	3.3	--	--	4780	4665	115	2.4	--	--
COLORADO	1667969	1592394	95595	5.7	--	--	1691740	1586631	105109	6.2	--	--

All estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AVERAGES
January 1988 - July 1988

County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	5890	5363	527	8.9
Archuleta	2671	2430	241	9.0
Baca	2053	1967	86	4.2
Bent	2254	2092	162	7.2
Chaffee	6510	5844	666	10.2
Cheyenne	970	928	42	4.3
Clear Creek	2345	2066	279	11.9
Co. Springs MSA	190836	175346	15490	8.1
Conejos	2531	2118	413	16.3
Costilla	886	728	158	17.8
Crowley	1486	1387	99	6.7
Custer	928	858	70	7.5
Delta	8151	7100	1051	12.9
Den-Bldr CMSA	1016651	953845	62806	6.2
-Bldr-Lgmt MSA	130306	123641	6665	5.1
-Denver MSA	886345	830204	56141	6.3
---Adams	149834	138030	11804	7.9
---Arapahoe	210606	199730	10876	5.2
---Denver	272294	253145	19149	7.0
---Douglas	19978	18929	1049	5.3
---Jefferson	233633	220370	13263	5.7
Dolores	855	791	64	7.5
Eagle	12618	11887	731	5.8
Elbert	3794	3413	381	10.0
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	91725	85709	6016	6.6
Fremont	11492	10268	1224	10.7
Garfield	14477	13347	1130	7.8
Gilpin	1631	1533	98	6.0
Grand	5193	4948	245	4.7
Greeley MSA	67796	62691	5105	7.5
Gunnison	5597	5248	349	6.2
Hinsdale	380	371	9	2.4
Huerfano	2392	2093	299	12.5
Jackson	1048	973	75	7.2
Kiowa	1001	961	40	4.0
Kit Carson	3697	3574	123	3.3
Lake	1563	1298	265	17.0
La Plata	16300	15091	1209	7.4
Las Animas	4866	4387	479	9.8
Lincoln	2020	1951	69	3.4
Logan	8630	8234	396	4.6
Mesa	39639	35914	3725	9.4
Mineral	296	257	39	13.2
Moffat	5061	4515	546	10.8
Montezuma	9061	8033	1028	11.3
Montrose	11706	10234	1472	12.6
Morgan	9652	8892	760	7.9
Otero	8402	7513	889	10.6
Ouray	1383	1252	131	9.5
Park	2938	2697	241	8.2
Phillips	2204	2124	80	3.6
Pitkin	8798	8342	456	5.2
Prowers	6540	5976	564	8.6
Pueblo MSA	50398	45777	4621	9.2
Rio Blanco	2671	2489	182	6.8
Rio Grande	5444	4674	770	14.1
Routt	8656	8000	656	7.6
Saguache	1606	1344	262	16.3
San Juan	508	453	55	10.8
San Miguel	2509	2283	226	9.0
Sedgwick	1374	1316	58	4.2
Summit	7989	7537	452	5.7
Teller	5651	5097	554	9.8
Washington	2489	2335	154	6.2
Yuma	4693	4505	188	4.0
COLORADO	1700907	1582399	118508	7.0

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987
CONSTRUCTION.....	\$480.74	\$481.43	\$475.30	39.6	39.3	38.8	\$12.14	\$12.25	\$12.25
MANUFACTURING.....	\$418.95	\$419.21	\$401.37	39.9	40.7	39.7	\$10.50	\$10.30	\$10.11
Durable Goods.....	\$431.32	\$432.85	\$417.38	41.0	41.7	41.0	\$10.52	\$10.38	\$10.18
Nondurable Goods.....	\$401.00	\$399.68	\$377.00	38.3	39.3	37.7	\$10.47	\$10.17	\$10.00

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987	JUL 2/ 1988	JUN 3/ 1988	JUL 1987
CONSTRUCTION.....	\$521.20	\$521.39	\$497.94	40.0	40.2	38.6	\$13.03	\$12.97	\$12.90
MANUFACTURING.....	\$444.00	\$441.41	\$407.29	40.4	41.1	39.2	\$10.99	\$10.74	\$10.39
Durable Goods.....	\$481.97	\$488.49	\$470.53	41.3	42.7	42.2	\$11.67	\$11.44	\$11.15
Nondurable Goods.....	\$405.67	\$392.82	\$352.09	39.5	39.4	36.6	\$10.27	\$9.97	\$9.62

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

COLORADO 8/

DENVER AREA

	JUL 1988	JUN 1988	JUL 1987	JUL 1988	JUN 1988	JUL 1987
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims.....	9,576	11,147	12,142	5,404	6,001	6,648
Continued Claims.....	90,894	116,476	124,171	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated.....	73,922	94,288	101,730	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid.....	\$11,497,333	\$14,636,884	\$15,971,091	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available.....	\$119,894,101	\$114,336,952	\$82,695,406	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work....	16,294	19,138	18,618	8,172	9,241	9,952
Nonagricultural Placements...	7,417	8,053	6,828	2,301	2,650	2,108
Agricultural Placements.....	915	759	748	406	166	332

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

June 1988 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force.....	123,028	1691.7	1623.3	485.9	411.4	693.4	746.6	238.8
Unemployment.....	6,819	105.1	98.8	27.4	26.3	60.2	35.3	11.5
Unemployment Rate(1).....	5.5	6.2	6.1	5.6	6.4	8.7	4.7	4.8
Employment.....	116,209	1586.6	1524.5	458.5	385.1	633.2	711.3	227.3

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

- 1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes. Seasonally adjusted data is provided for time-series analysis and is not an official data series of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- 2/ Preliminary.
- 3/ Revised.
- 4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.
- 5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.
- 6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on December 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.
- 7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
- 8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

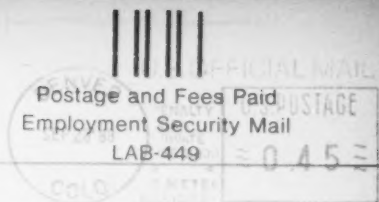
EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.



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